pects of the matter, including the availability of resources, the likely impact of such a scheme and constitutional responsibility of the Central Government in this regard, have decided not to include this scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan

Assistance for Cultural Development Project

2231 SHRI SUDHIR GIRI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) the amount of assistance provided to State Governments for Cultural Development Projects State-wise and Project-wise,

(b) the number of such projects submitted by the West Bengal Government during each of the last three years, and

(c) the amount sanctioned so far and the amount actually paid during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) No assistance has been provided to any State Government for the purpose

(b) Two only, during the years 1989 and 1991 respectively and

(c) No amounts have been sanctioned, as there is no scheme operating in the Department of Culture wherein financial assistance can be provided to State Governments

[*Translation*]

Examination for Employment on Compassionate Ground

2232 SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of examinations conducted by Railways for various posts on compassionate grounds during the last two years, Board-wise,

(b) the number of the successful candidates who have not yet been offered jobs, and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) Compassionate appointments are made by Railways themselves and not through Railway Recruitment Boards

[*English*]

Microfilming of Documents at National Library, Calcutta

2233 SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) whether leading newspapers in the different regional languages are being bound and microfilmed at the National Library, Calcutta

(b) if so, the criteria according to which newspapers and periodicals are selected for binding and microfilming and

(c) whether the Library has any projects of its own for the microfilming of newspapers, periodicals and rare documents?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Only leading newspapers in English and Bengali are being bound in the National Library Selective microfilming on the basis of rarety of material is also done

(b) Criteria of rarety, importance of content, extent of circulation, condition of material are the guiding factors.

(c) No, Sir.

Proposal to set up Ambedkar University

2234. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any university or Medical and Engineering Colleges in the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in his Centenary Year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments and Private Educational Institutes have requested the Union Government to allot lands in various States to start the above educational institutions; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). There is no proposal under consideration of Government to set up a Central University in the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Development of Sports in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2235. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state:

(a) whethsr proposals for development of sports and games in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the names of such proposals and when they wee received; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Konkan Railway Project

2236. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the planned construction of Railway Lines and Bridges is likely to be started on the Kerala section of the Konkan Railway Project;

(b) the steps taken for doubling the railway lines and bridges on this section;

(c) the progress made so far on the whole project; and

(d) whether the Government of Kerala have contributed its share of the cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No part of the Konkan Railway passes through Kerala Region.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The works have commenced all along the alignment between Roha and Mangalore. The sections from Mangalore to Udupi (70 Kms) and Roha–Dasgaon (45 Kms) are proposed for opening by June 1992.